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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Hisaki HIRAIWA  
Serial No.: 09/485,146  
Filed: February 3, 2000  
For: NETWORK MANAGING METHOD AND SELECTING  
METHOD OF NETWORK MANAGER

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to the initial examination of the above-  
identified application, Applicant respectfully requests that the  
above-identified application be amended as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, line 6, after "by" insert --a--;  
line 19, change "called simply" to --referred--;  
Page 2, line 21, change "three" to --two--;  
same line, delete "and 153";  
line 22, change "three" to --two--;